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**Happy
Thanksgiving**

Dear District 7 Residents,

It has been an exciting first month in office. My staff and I attended Family Day at Kelly Park, where we met the neighborhood associations and enjoyed food along with entertainment. I was a panelist at the Gang Prevention Town Hall Meeting hosted by State Senator Elaine Alquist. I also co-hosted a forum on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Relief with Congressman Mike Honda. Along with these events, my staff and I attended many neighborhood meetings to listen and learn about your concerns and issues.

In addition to serving on the Evergreen East Hills Vision Strategy Taskforce, I was recently appointed to the Driving Strong Economy and Building Strong Neighborhoods Committees. I am excited to serve on these committees, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to bring a new perspective to the way we serve our constituents.

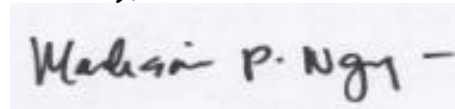
There are two events that I would like to encourage you to participate in this month. First, mark your calendar and vote in the **November 8th Special Election**. Your vote is crucial for our state and our city. Secondly, it would be great to see you at our first District 7 Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, November 9th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Tully Community Library. My staff, along with various city staff will be present to discuss city programs and services.

Thank you for coming out to meet us. It is great to see constituents be active by sharing their concerns and being involved in their community. I hope you will encourage your family, friends and neighbors to become more active in our community. Being active not only means being a voice, it also means lending a hand, volunteering and educating others about the community.

The next couple of months will be the busiest months of the year for all of us. I wish you and your families a safe and healthy holiday season. My office is **always** open if you have questions or need assistance.

Take care and see you soon.

Sincerely,



Madison P. Nguyen
Councilmember
District 7



Day of the Dead Celebration – Dia de los Muertos
October 30, 2005



Councilmember Madison Nguyen with primary responders and community organizations



Councilmember Nguyen with Councilmember Williams



Councilmember Madison Nguyen with forum participants



Councilmember Madison Nguyen and Congressman Mike Honda Co-Hosts of the Emergency Preparedness Community Forum

Top 10 Things to Do Before a Disaster Occurs

1. **IDENTIFY** – What types of hazards does your local environment have?
2. **PLAN** – Know the risks of your area and plan for those risks.
Where do you meet if you have to evacuate?
Do you have an out-of-state contact that all family members know of?
How would you still stay connected to your community? News? Get Assistance?
3. **PRACTICE** – After all the risks have been identified and a plan has been developed, practice it. Every family should be familiar with how to respond to different hazards that are most common in the area.
4. **BE READY** – Have an emergency kit (in the home, outside the home, and even in the car).
5. **TEACH and LEARN** – Do research! Talk to your family, friends and neighbors.
6. **BECOME MORE SKILLED** – Learn CPR and the basics of providing first aid.
7. **CONTROL what you can** – Make sure your home is not a hazard. Secure contents in your home and make sure your home always has a clear pathway to exit.
7. **HAVE KNOWLEDGE** – Know what to do in case of an emergency. If an **Earthquake** occurs, take cover under a sturdy table or desk, away from falling items and exit only when safe. If a **Fire** happens, stay low, cover your nose & mouth with a wet cloth and depart safely away from heat and flames. If you get **Trapped**, cover mouth with a piece of cloth to avoid breathing dust. To get the attention of rescue workers; one should whistle, tap on walls or pipes. Try to refrain from yelling to conserve your energy. And if you ever get exposed to **Toxics**, get medical attention immediately.
9. **OFFER HELP** – Volunteer today! Register with an emergency team by contacting the American Red Cross and other volunteer organizations.
10. **START TODAY** – Take these steps today! Create your own personal evacuation kit.

For more information contact:

- American Red Cross
www.redcross.org or 1-800-438-4636
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
www.fema.gov/about/process/
- Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES)
www.oes.ca.gov/
- City of San Jose Office of Emergency Services
www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/oes

October 2005 Events



Day of the Dead



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Gang Intervention & Prevention Forum

Free and Low-Cost Insurance for your Children

Health, Dental & Vision Insurance for Your Children

TO QUALIFY:

- You must live in Santa Clara County
- Be younger than 19 years old
- Family is low or middle income

For more information, call (408) 355-3370 or visit: www.first5kids.org.

PAID TUITION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

If you know of a family earning less than \$40,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. Beginning with the 2004-05 year, parents in families with incomes of less than \$40,000 will no longer be expected to contribute to the cost of attending Harvard for their children. In addition, Harvard will reduce the contributions expected of families with incomes between \$40,000 and \$60,000.

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$40,000 a year visit Harvard's financial aid web site at: <http://fao.fas.harvard.edu/index.htm>

For the full text of this announcement visit:

<http://www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/daily/0402/28-finaid.html>

Programs of the Month

Clean Slate Tattoo Removal (408) 251-7757

The Clean Slate Program removes tattoos from gang involved and at-risk youth of San José who have found tattoos to be a barrier in furthering themselves through education and/or employment. They also assist youth with educational opportunities, job development, life skills, counseling and information on how to utilize community resources.

Tattoo removal performed at Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital (SCVHH) by a group of volunteer doctors who use a Q-Switched ND: YAG Laser system. It usually takes about six months per patient for tattoo removal and follow-up. If more time is required, treatment will continue until tattoo removal is completed and no further follow-up is necessary.

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor (408) 794-6226

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) was established 11 years ago to intake and monitor complaints against San José police officers. The IPA is an **independent non-police** city agency. The Independent Police Auditor's mission is to provide an independent review and to promote public awareness of the citizen complaint process; thereby, increasing greater police accountability by the San José Police Department (SJPD).

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor has four (4) primary functions:

1. To serve as an alternative location for the community to file a complaint against a San Jose Police Officer.
2. Monitor and Audit SJPD complaints and investigations to ensure they are thorough, objective and fair;
3. Increase public awareness
4. Make policy recommendations

If you are interested in scheduling a presentation for your class or organization, please contact us. For more information about the IPA, visit our website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/ipa/>

NO on Prop. 73



Internship

We accept internship applications on a quarterly basis. If you are interested, please submit your resume early.

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Legislative Updates

The San Jose City Council adopted the following positions for the November 8th ballot.

PROP	TITLE	COUNCIL POSITION
73	Waiting Period/Parental Notification Minor's Pregnancy	Oppose
74	Public School Teachers/Waiting period for Permanent Status Relating to Dismissal	Oppose
75	Public Employees Union Dues/Restrictions on Political Contributions	Oppose
76	State Spending and School Funding Limits/Living Within Our Means	Oppose
77	Redistricting	Oppose
78	Discounts on Prescription Drugs	Oppose
79	Prescription Drug Discounts/State Negotiated Rebates	Support
80	Electric Service Providers/Regulation	Oppose

Neighborhood News

Lights On at Burke Street and Senter Road

We are thrilled to inform you that the traffic signal installation at Burke Street and Senter Road was activated on October 27, 2005. This traffic signal will improve pedestrian and vehicle mobility and provide safe crossing for the businesses and residents in the neighborhood. For any other questions relating to traffic and parking, please call (408) 535-3850.

Neighborhood Clean Up

It is time to clean out your closets, basements and garages! Help us keep our neighborhoods clean and safe. Clean-Up dates are for residents that reside in these areas:

Stongate East/West. (McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association)
Saturday, January 28, 2006 from, 8:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Alma-Almaden (Alma Neighborhood Association / Monticello)
Saturday, February 4, 2006 from, 8:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Our office will distribute flyer in these neighborhoods two weeks prior to Clean Up Day. Please show the flyer to the bin monitor in order to be allowed to use the dumpsters on Neighborhood Clean Up Day. For more information, please contact Javier Gonzales at (408) 535-4962.

District 7 - Capital Improvement Projects

The following capital improvement projects have recently been completed or currently under construction in District 7 and scheduled for completion before the end of the current calendar year.

Completed Since August of 2005

1. Animal Care Center - Tenant Improvements #1 - 2750 Monterey Road between Umbarger and Lewis Rd. - Build 3,000 square feet for the Spay & Neuter Clinic and additional cat holding area. Completed August 31, 2005.
2. Senter-Burke - (TDA: Transportation Development Act funding) Senter Rd and Burke St Install sidewalk, curb and gutter at the northeast corner of Senter Road and Burke Street. Completed September 30, 2005.

Projects Scheduled to be Completed by end of 2005

1. Towers Lane - Extension of Towers Lane north of Aborn Road. Full street improvements including: asphalt concrete pavement, curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveways, wheelchair ramps, street lighting, trees, storm and sanitary sewer systems, and PG&E utility relocation. This project is scheduled to complete by end of November.

2. King/Story Road Street & Sidewalk Improvements - King Rd. between Marsh St. and Lido Way. Construction of street and sidewalk improvements on King Road and Story Road. This project is scheduled to complete by early December.

For more capital improvement projects in our district, log on to the city website at www.sanjoseca.gov

Upcoming Events and Meetings

• City Council Meetings

The council meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. & every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers, San Jose City Hall

• VOTE for something YOU believe in

Take a stand on **Tuesday, November 8th Election Day!** Vote for the betterment of our state and our city. To find your polling site, log on to <http://www.sccvote.org>

• District 7 Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tully Community Library, 880 Tully Road, San Jose, CA 95111

Come meet newly elected Councilmember Madison Nguyen and the District 7 staff! Various representatives from different city services will be present to listen and address all questions and concerns.

• 87th annual Veteran's Day Ceremony and Parade ~~ "A Tribute to Service."

A parade with patriotic floats, bands, military heroes & much more will be marching the streets of Downtown San José on **Friday, November 11th** starting at noon.

• Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Towers Lane Project

Join Mayor Ron Gonzales and Councilmember Madison Nguyen in celebrating the completion of the Towers Lane Project. Date and time to be announced at a later date.

• Christmas in the Park

In San José, it's the place to be with family and friends every holiday season. Come tour the wonderful park filled with trees, ornaments, lights and more at Plaza De Cesar Chavez (between San Carlos and San Fernando Streets).

Friday, November 25th and open until January 1st from 9:00 am until Midnight.

• City Tree Lighting Ceremony

San José's tree lighting ceremony at Christmas in the Park will be held on **Friday, November 25th at 6:00 pm** at Plaza De Cesar Chavez.

• The 24th Annual San Jose Holiday Parade

The largest parade in the state is ready to usher in the holidays with its giant balloons, marching bands, creative floats, clowns and a special appearance by Santa Claus.

Sunday, December 4th at 8:30 am (televised at 9:00 a.m.). The parade begins on Santa Clara Street and Delmas Avenue, near the HP Pavilion.

• Area improvement Celebration – Tropicana Shopping Center

Join Councilmember Madison Nguyen in celebrating the completion of façade and streetscape improvements at the Tropicana Shopping Center (1690 Story Road) on **Friday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m.**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

--Margaret Mead

District 7 Neighborhood Association Meetings

For more information please visit: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district7/neighborhoods.asp>

City Wide Phone List

Area code 408

Call Center	277-4000
Non - Emergency	311
Graffiti/Litter	277-2758
Animal Care	578-7297
Child Abuse Reporting	299-2071
City Arborist	277-2762
Code Enforcement	277-4528
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-7867
Drug Hotline	971-3784
Domestic Violence Ctr.	277-3700
Department of Transportation	535-3850
Education, Office of	453-6500
Gang Hotline	277-4264
Garbage & Recycling	535-3515
Hazardous Materials	535-7750
Housing	975-4480
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	277-5305
Senior Programs	277-4561
Sewer Problems	277-4373
Sidewalks	277-3158
Street Lights	277-5517
Street Maintenance	277-4373
Street Sweeping	535-3515
Volunteer San Jose	535-3500
Vehicle Abatement	277-4477
Yard Waste Collection	535-3515
Youth Services	535-3570

Tully-Senter SNI NAC (Santee Community Action Center)

Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Lanai-Cunningham Neighborhood Association

(Hubbard Middle School – 1745 June Avenue)

Tuesday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association

(Stongate Elementary School in the cafeteria)

Thursday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Washington Area Community Coalition (Alma Senior Center)

Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Alma Neighborhood Associations (Alma Senior Center)

Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

KONA Neighborhood Action committee SNI/NAC Meeting (Boys & Girls Club),

Monday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Kennedy Neighborhood Association (Kennedy Elementary School)

Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00p.m.

Senter Road Creekside Neighborhood Association (Saint Mary Goretti Church)

Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association (O.B. Whaley School)

Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

West Evergreen SNI NAC (O.B. Whaley School)

Monday, November 28th at 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: Discussion topic will include retail space and development for the Evergreen East Hills Vision Strategy. We need your input!

For more information, contact Omar Torres at (408) 277-2982.

Seventrees Neighborhood Group (Solari Community Center)

Monday, November 28th at 6:30 p.m.



Kennedy Neighborhood Association



Alma Senior Center

Future Topics

We hope you found the District 7 newsletter helpful. We welcome any feedback you may have on the topics discussed. Please feel free to contact our office at your convenience.

If you would like to share announcements or post events from your neighborhood, please contact Kim Ngo at (408) 535-4959 or email kim.ngo@sanjoseca.gov

Once again, our office is ALWAYS open to you and we look forward to serving you.